

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph being at the bottom of page 26, line 21 to the top of page 27, line 16, with the amended paragraph as follows:

The present polypeptide can also be used as an inducer for IFN- $\gamma$  production by cell culture methods and is usually added to nutrient culture media for IFN- $\gamma$  production in cultured immunocompetent cells. Leukocytes separated from mammalian peripheral blood or established cell lines of immunocompetent cells such as HBL-38 cell, Mo cell (ATCC CRL8066), Jurkat cell (ATCC CRL8163), HUT78 cell (ATCC TIB161), EL4 cell (ATCC TIB39), L-12-R4 cells, and mutants thereof are suspended in culture media containing about 0.1-1,000 ng/ml of the present polypeptide, preferably about 1-100 ng/ml of the present polypeptide. If necessary, these cells are cultured in nutrient culture media supplemented with T-cell stimulants such as mitogens, interleukin 2, and anti-CD3 antibody for about 1-100 hours and the cells and cultured at a temperature of about 30-40°C and a pH of about 5-8 while replacing the culture media with fresh media. From the resulting cultures, the present polypeptide can be collected by one or more conventional methods such as salting out, dialysis, filtration, concentration, separatory sedimentation, gel filtration chromatography, ion-exchange chromatography, hydrophobic chromatography, adsorption chromatography, affinity

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